

A Newsletter for the Horticulture Division of Walt Disney World

Every Bloomin' Thing

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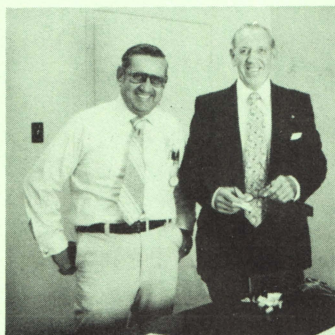
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FROM TONY'S DESK

Within the next few days we will be approaching the birth of another new DECADE! The 1980's should prove exciting and rewarding a challenging time to solve the inflationary spiral, the energy shortage and all of the other world problems both here and abroad. As an organization, WALT DISNEY WORLD has set some pretty fantastic goals, but it will take PEOPLE just like you and me to fulfill them. So it is, also, a time for us, as individuals, to clean up our own "back yards"; to start afresh with new personal goals; to shed the "cloak of bad habits" that will improve us both physically and mentally to do a better job here and at home.

If, perchance, I miss seeing you before the end of the year, I sincerely wish you and your families the very best during the holiday season and the new year that lies ahead.

Tony

Erwin Leaves WDW
Landscape gardener, Erwin Dammas, after 6½ years with WDW has chosen to spend more time at home with his wife and family. Erwin was a very dedicated worker and always took pride in doing a good job.

We will all miss him and wish him the best of luck. Supervisor Bill Hantz (left) with Erwin.

* TREE OF THE MONTH *

Ilex cassine
("Dahoon Holly")

The Dahoon Holly is a small native tree and can be found throughout the property covered with red, orange and sometimes yellow berries. Like most hollies, the male and female flowers are inconspicuous and are borne on separate plants. Only the female trees bear fruit.

Reaching 20 feet in height, the native habitat of the Dahoon is the wet, boggy soils of swamps and lake margins as far south as Biscayne Bay.



* PLANTS ON STAGE FOR DECEMBER *

Euphorbia pulcherrima ("Poinsettia") - The poinsettia was introduced into the U.S. from Mexico about 1825 by the first U.S. ambassador to that country, J.R. Poinsett. It has since become a symbol of the Christmas season, flowering about this time in its natural surroundings. Brilliant colors of red, white and pink come from the modified leaves (bracts), not from the flower. Around WALT DISNEY WORLD poinsettias will be used in hanging baskets, in annual beds, inside buildings and as miniature trees (standards).

Lobularia maritima ("Sweet Alyssum") - Have you noticed a sweet smell in the Hub lately? Sweet Alyssum, an old-fashioned favorite, carpets the ground in white, purple and pink.

We Help Put the Magic in the Magic Kingdom

WALT DISNEY WORLD is a special place; a place where you can be on a jungle safari one moment, and then on a raft trip through frontier America the next. What makes these things possible is that our Magic Kingdom is a theme park - where the architecture, costumes, and landscape all work together to create particular environments.

An important part of these environments - or themed areas - is the landscape, where the characteristics of the plants are carefully matched to the area in which they are used. Among the characteristics that we take into consideration are nativity (or origin), form, and flower color.

Frontierland and the Jungle Cruise are two areas where plants that are native to, or associated with the theme, have been used to create an authentic landscape. On the other hand, it is the shape or form of the plant rather than its nativity that contributes to the futuristic theme in Tomorrowland. Flower color can also complement the theme, as in Fantasyland, where bursts of flowering annuals spread the excitement of a mad tea party to the landscape.

By knowing our plants well, we can take advantage of characteristics such as these to complement our themes. Our themed landscapes, together with the architecture and costumes of each area, help to make our Magic Kingdom special - a magic which we all deal with everyday.

By Tom Underwood

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6 Gardener Trainees will be coming aboard on December 10. Trainees are selected on basis of their previous performance with the company and interest in gardening. Selected trainers will be showing trainees our operation and teaching them their job skills. Please welcome them!

Horticulture Courses to Be Offered by Valencia at WDW

Jan.-April

Intro. to Horticulture	Nursery Oper. & Mgmt.
Wednesdays, 4-7:45 P.M.	Thursdays, 4-7:45 P.M.
H-051010-starts Jan. 9	H052054-starts Jan. 3
-ends April 9	-ends April 10

NEWS FROM THE AREAS

Fort Wilderness Landscape -- Natural gas heaters on Discovery Island are being checked out and readied for the winter season. The Pet Farm will be under rehab soon and new sod installed.

Golf Course Maintenance -- Presently overseeding putting greens for this winter's play with a blend of Derby Rye, Manhattan Rye and Jamestown Fescue. Overseeding provides an active playing surface during the cold months and a nice green color when the Bermuda grass browns out * * * * Thanks to all who helped out and supported us during the golf tournament. A great success!

LBV Landscape -- Poinsettias, petunias, snapdragons, dianthus, and pansies are being planted in the Village for a winter show.

LBV Pest Control -- Fungicides - Benlate, Daconil and Fore - are being sprayed on the St. Augustine for the control of brown patch and dollar spot.

Landscape Architects -- Plant beds in the Hub are being redesigned because of excess shading, to reduce maintenance, and to create more definite lines.

Landscape Construction -- The Dutch Inn landscape is being upgraded with new designs and plantings. Maintenance will be turned over to LBV.

Tree Farm/Nursery -- Congratulations to Barry McKently on his promotion to supervisor and Heather Fraser to nursery lead.

WDW Landscape -- Poinsettias are being planted in the Hub, Town Square and Contemporary for the Christmas season.

WDW Pest Control -- Tests are being run to compare the effectiveness of two preemergent herbicides, Balan and Ronstar, on sedges. Pre-emergents prevent the germination of weed seeds.

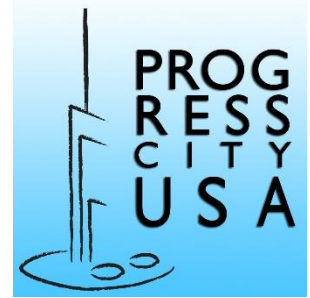
Horticulture Training -- The College of Horticulture will begin its first training course "Horticulture at the WDW Vacation Kingdom" on Tues., Jan. 8th, 9:30-11:30 A.M. at the EPCOT Theatre. Everyone is welcome and hope you will give us your support.

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Congratulations to Kim and Jim Warneke on their new baby girl born on Fri., Nov. 16th.

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